wise during the last three years; and

(c) what are the targets fixed district-wise during the last two years in this regard alongwith the progress made so far?

THE MINISTER OF STATE OF THE MINISTRY OF ENVIRONMENT AND FORESTS (SHRI KAMAL NATH): (a) No specific areas has been selected tor forest conservation. Government of Gujarat proposes to conserve forests in the entire state.

(b) During the last two years, the district-.vise area added under forests is as under:

(i) Banaskantha	0.61 (Sq.km.)
(ii) Bhavnagar	0.04
(iii) Junagarh	0.01
(iv) Mehsana	0.01
(v) Sundernagar	5.86
(vi) Vadodara	0.06

(c) No district-wise target have been fixed.

वन संरक्षण अधिनियम, 1980 का उल्लंघन

987. **श्री रामसिंह राठवा:** क्या **पर्यावरण और वन** मंत्री यह बताने की कृपा करेंगे कि:

(क) क्या सरकार को गुजरात में वन संरक्षण अधिनियम, 1980 का उल्लंघन किये जाने की जानकारी है;

(ख) यदि हां, तो इस संबंध में सरकार की क्या प्रतिक्रिया है; और

(ग) सरकार ने इस संबंध में क्या कार्यवाही की है?

पर्यावरण और वन मंत्रालय के राज्य मंत्री (श्री कमल नाथ): (क) जी, हां।

(ख) राज्य सरकार से यह सुनिश्चित करने के लिए कहा गया है कि वन (संरक्षण) अधिनियम का उल्लंघन न होने पाए।

(ग) वन (संरक्षण) अधिनियम के उल्लंघन के मामलों पर इसके कार्यान्वयन के लिए जारी दिशा-निर्देशों के अनुसार कार्रवाई की जाती है।

Projects Pending Environmental Clearance

988. SHRI KAMAL MORARKA: Will the Minister of ENVIRONMENT AND FORESTS be pleased to state:

(a) the details of developmental projects pending with Ministry of Environment and Forests awaiting environmental clearance;

(b) the broad reasons for keeping these projects pending; and

(c) the steps taken to facilitate speedy disposal of cases?

THE MINISTER OF STATE OF THE MINISTRY OF ENVIRONMENT AND FORESTS (SHRI KAMAL NATH): (a) and (b) A statement listing names of development projects awaiting environmental clearance along with reasons is given at annexure, *[see* Appendix CLXVI, Annexure No. 19]

(c) Projects can be assessed and processed only after receipt of complete data. A final decision is taken within a maximum period of three months after receipt of complete environmental data and Action Plans. Interaction is maintained with the project authorities to facilitate expeditious disposal of cases.

राजस्थान में वन-क्षेत्र में अवैध खनन-कार्य

989. **श्री शिवचरण सिंह:** क्या **पर्यावरण और वन** मंत्री यह बताने की कृपा करेंगे कि:

(क) राजस्थान के कुल कितने वन क्षेत्र में अवैध खनन-कार्य चल रहा है;

(ख) क्या यह सच है कि यह अवैध कार्य वन-विभाग की मिलीभगत से हो रहा है, यदि नहीं, तो अवैध खनन कार्य को न रोकने के क्या कारण हैं;

(ग) वन-क्षेत्रों में अवैध खनन-कार्य कब तक बंद हो जाने की संभावना है, यदि नहीं, तो इसके क्या कारण हैं; और

(घ) क्या यह सच है कि राज्य में राष्ट्रपति शासन लागू किये जाने के पश्चात् वनों के नाश और वन क्षेत्र में अवैध खनन की प्रवृत्ति बढ़ी है, यदि हां, तो इसके क्या कारण हैं?

पर्यावरण और वन मंत्रालय के राज्य मंत्री (श्री कमल नाथ): (क) अभी तक प्राप्त सूचना के अनुसार राजस्थान के वन क्षेत्र में अवैध खनन के 596 मामलों का पता चला है। अवैध खनन वाले क्षेत्र का परिकलन नहीं किया गया है।

(ख) और (ग) यह सच नहीं है कि वन विभाग अवैध खनन में वन विभाग की मिली-भगत है। अवैध खनन कार्य को रोकने/नियंत्रित करने के लिए कानूनी कार्रवाही शुरु की गई है।

(घ) जी, नहीं।

Heavily Polluting Industries in the Country

990. SHRIMATI KAMLA SINHA:
DR. BABU KALDATE:

Will the Minister of ENVIRONMENT AND FORESTS be pleased to state:

(a) what is the number of industries in the country identified as heavily polluting the environment;

(b) what is the time limit specified by Government for these heavily polluting industries to install effluent treatment plants to bring down the pollution to the minimum;

(c) how many of these industries have enforced the safeguards prescribed by the Government;

(d) what are the reasons for non-compliance by the remaining heavily polluting industries; and

(e) the action taken/proposed to be taken by Government in the matter?

THE MINISTER OF STATE OF THE MINISTRY OF ENVIRONMENT AND FORESTS (SHRI KAMAL NATH): (a) There are 1629 units in the identified 17 categories of heavily polluting industries in the country.

(b) Government have issued a notification on 12.2.92 according to which, industries that were commissioned on or before May 16, 1981 and after May 16, 1981 are required to take steps to meet the prescribed standards by December 31, 1992, and December 31, 1993 respectively.

(c) and (d) According to the information given by the Central Pollution control Board, 805 units are fully complying with the standards, 76 units are closed and 555 units that were commissioned prior to May 16, 1981 are to meet the prescribed standards by December 31, 1993.

(e) The State Governments have been asked to take legal action against the defaulting units.

Investigation into Helicopter Accident in Kalaghar Dam

991. SHRI KAMAL MORARKA: Will the Minister of ENVIRONMENT AND FORESTS be pleased to state:

(a) whether Government have appointed a Committee headed by Additional Inspector General (Wild Life) to investigate the helicopter accident in Kalaghar dam;

(b) what is the constitution of the Committee;

(c) whether the Committee has submitted its report;

(d) if so, what are the findings and the action taken thereon; and

(e) if not, by when the report is likely to be submitted?

THE MINISTER OF STATE OF THE MINISTRY OF ENVIRONMENT AND FORESTS (SHRI KAMAL NATH): (a) and (b) The Government had directed the Addl. IGF(WL) to investigate into the helicopter accident in Kalaghar Dam. Mr. S. Deb Roy a member of the Steering Committee of Project Tiger also accompanied him to facilitate the enquiry.

(c) The Add. IGF(WL) has since submitted his report.

(d) The findings of the report are:

(i) There were cases of illegal landings of helicopters within Corbett Tiger Reserve.